Paralipomena of Jeremiah

And it was, when carried captive them the children of Israel, king of Chaldeans. Spoke the Lord to Jeremiah, and He said to him: 'Jeremiah, my chosen, rise and go out from this city, you and Baruch. For I am to destroy it from the multitude of sins of those who dwell in it; for your prayer is like a pillar strong in the midst of the city, and like a wall of diamond around it. And now, rise and go and go out before comes the power of Chaldeans and surrounds the city.'
And spoke Jeremiah, saying: 'I implore You, my Lord, command Your servant that he may speak before You.' And He said to him, the Lord: 'Speak, my chosen, Jeremiah.'
And spoke Jeremiah and said: 'Lord, You who hold all, will You deliver this city chosen into their hands of Chaldeans, that may mock the king with his people and say: "I have

outwitted and taken the city of God"? Far be it, O Lord! If You willed it, it is in Your hand to destroy it.'

And He said to him, the Lord to Jeremiah: 'For my chosen are you, rise and go out, you and Baruch. For I am to destroy it by the sins of those who dwell in it. And neither king nor his power can enter into the city if I do not go before and do not open its gates. Rise now, and go to Baruch and tell him this word. And when you rise, when it is the sixth hour of the night, come into the court of the city, and I will show you. And if I do not go before to destroy the city, they cannot enter it.'

And this having said, the Lord passed from Jeremiah. And Jeremiah immediately tore his clothes, and put ashes upon his head, and entered into the house of the sanctuary. And saw him Baruch, Jeremiah, while full of earth upon his head, and his clothes torn. He cried with a great voice, saying: 'My father

Jeremiah, what has happened to you? And what sin have committed the people?' For when they sinned, the people, grieved Jeremiah, and he put ashes upon his head, and he prayed for the people until they were forgiven their transgressions, the people.
And he asked him Baruch, saying: 'My father Jeremiah, what has happened to you? And what has happened to the people?' And he said to him, Jeremiah: 'Guard that we may not tear our clothes, but let us tear our hearts, and let us not put water into pitchers that we may weep truly until we fill them with tears, for from now this people will not be pitied.'
And said Baruch: 'My father Jeremiah, what has happened to you?' And he said to him, Jeremiah: 'For God will deliver the city into his hands of the king of Chaldeans, for they will carry captive the people badly.'
And having heard all this, Baruch tore his clothes, and said: 'My father Jeremiah, what

is to me?' And he said to him, Jeremiah: 'Wait with me until the sixth hour of the night, that you may know the true word.' And they remained in the house of the sanctuary, while weeping.

And when it was the sixth hour of the night, what said the Lord to Jeremiah, that he should go out with Baruch. And they arrived into the court of the city, and they remained while waiting. And there was a sound of a horn, and came out angels from heaven, and in their hands they carried lights of fire, and they stood in the court of the city. And immediately Jeremiah and Baruch wept, saying: 'For now we have known that it is a true word.'

And he implored them Jeremiah, the angels, saying: 'I implore you all, do not destroy the city until I ask the Lord one thing.' And He spoke to them, the Lord to the angels, saying:

'Do not destroy the city until I speak with Jeremiah, my chosen.'
And immediately spoke Jeremiah, saying: 'I implore You, my Lord, command to me that I may speak with You.' And He said to him: 'Speak, my chosen, Jeremiah, what you desire.' And he said to him, Jeremiah: 'Behold, now we have known, my Lord, that You will deliver the city into the hand of its enemy, and will take it people from Babylon. And what do You wish that I may do with our holy vessels in secret which we serve? And what do You wish I may do over them?'
And He said to him, the Lord: 'Take them and entrust them to the earth and to the house of the sanctuary, while saying: "And you, O earth, hear the voice of your Creator who created you by the power of waters, who sealed you with seven seals. Receive your beauty and guard the vessels of your service until the coming of the Beloved." '

And spoke Jeremiah and said: 'I implore You, my Lord, show me what I should do for Abimelech the Ethiopian, who greatly guarded the people and your servant Jeremiah, more than all the people of the city. And he brought me out from the pit of miry clay. And I do not wish for him to see its corruption and its destruction, the city, that he may not grieve.'

And He said to him, the Lord to Jeremiah: 'Send him into the vineyard of Agrippa, on the road of the mountain. And I will cover him until I bring them back, the people, into the city. And you, Jeremiah, go with the people until you reach the land of Babylon, and remain prophesying to them until I bring them back into their city. And Baruch also, leave him there in Jerusalem.'

And He told him, the Lord all this to Jeremiah, and passed from Jeremiah into heaven. And Jeremiah and Baruch entered into the house

of the sanctuary, and all the vessels of their service they entrusted to the earth, as commanded them the Lord. And immediately swallowed it the earth, and they remained both of them, and they wept.
And on the next day, in the morning, sent him Jeremiah, Abimelech, saying: 'Take a basket and go on the road of the mountain into the vineyard of Agrippa, and bring a little figs for the sick people. For the joy of the Lord is upon your head and His glory.' And he also went as he commanded him.
And on the next day, in the morning, the power of Chaldeans surrounded the city, and blew with a horn a great angel, and he said: 'Enter, O power of Chaldeans, behold, will be opened for you the gates!' And immediately entered the king with his army, and they carried captive all the people.
And immediately Jeremiah took the keys of the house of the sanctuary, and went out

outside from the city, and he cast these keys before the sun, saying: 'To you I speak, O sun, take the keys of the house of God and guard them until the days when the Lord will ask you concerning them; for to us was not worthy our birth to guard them, for we were found, we, while hardening for our sin.'
And while wept Jeremiah for the people, they brought him out, while dragging him, and they led him with the people until Babylon. And Baruch, he took ashes and put into his head, and he remained and uttered this lament. And he said: 'For what reason was destroyed Jerusalem? Is it not for the sin of the beloved people? And it was given into the hand of its enemy for our sin and of the people; but that may not mock the sinners and may not say: "We were able to take the city of God by our might!" It was not by your strength that you were able to take it, but by our sin it was given to you. And our God will have mercy on

us and will bring us back into our city; and for you there is no life. Blessed are they, our fathers Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, for they went out from this world and did not see its corruption, this city.'

And after this he spoke, and went out while weeping, and said: 'I grieve for you, Jerusalem!' And he went out from the city and lodged in a tomb. And came angels and they informed him concerning all.

And Abimelech, he brought figs, time of midday, from where sent him Jeremiah. And he found a fig tree, and he sat, and he shaded that he might rest a little. And he laid his head upon a basket of figs, and he slept sixty and six years, and he did not awaken from his sleep.

And after these days, he rose and he awakened from his sleep. And he said again: 'When I slept a little, for still heavy to me is my head, and I have not slept enough.' And

he opened this basket of figs, and he found this figs new, and dropping their milk. And he wished to sleep again, for heavy to him was his head, and not good was sleep. And he said: 'I fear that I may not sleep and may not doze off, that may not be angry with me my father Jeremiah, for early he sent me in the morning. And now I will rise and I will go, for hot is the heat, and there is no where it leaves shade anywhere.'
And he rose, and he took his basket of figs, and he entered into the city of Jerusalem. And he did not know the city, and not his house. And he said: 'Blessed are You, O Lord, for great astonishment has descended upon him.' And he said: 'Is not this that it is the city of Jerusalem? Truly, I am mistaken, for by the road of the mountain I came. And if not, for heavy to me is my head, and I have not slept enough, and has forgotten me my heart. And how shall I tell this word to

Jeremiah, that the city has become strange to me?'
And he sought all the signs that were in the city, that he might know if truly Jerusalem it is. And he returned again into the city, and he sought if there was one who knew him, and he failed. And he said: 'Blessed are You, O Lord, for great astonishment has fallen upon me.' And he went out again from the city, far, and he sat while grieving, and where he was going, he did not know. And he placed that basket of figs, and he said: 'I will remain here until God removes this bewilderment from upon me.'
And after this his sitting, he saw a man, old, coming from the field. And Abimelech said to him: 'To you I speak, O old man, where is this city?' And he said to him, the old man: 'Jerusalem it is.' And Abimelech said to him: 'Where is Jeremiah the priest? And Baruch

the Levite? And all the people of this city? For there is no one I have found.'
And he said to him, the old man: 'Are you not from this city? And now do you remember Jeremiah that you ask concerning him all these days of your dwelling? Jeremiah, he is in Babylon with the people, for he was carried captive and was given into his hands of Nebuchadnezzar, king of Persia. And he went there that he might prophesy to them.'
And then heard Abimelech from that old man. And Abimelech said to him: 'If not an old man are you, I would curse you and I would laugh over you! But it is not right that may despise humans an old man. And if not so, I would say that you are mad. And concerning what you said, the people were carried captive into Babylon, the heavens, very much, if it descended upon them, it was not their time that they should go into Babylon. And you say, they were carried captive into Babylon.'

'And I, as sent me my father Jeremiah, I went into the vineyard of Agrippa for a few figs, that we might give to the sick who are among the people. I went and I arrived there, and I took what he commanded me. And I returned, and while I walked, I found a tree, and I sat under it that I might shade, for time of midday it was. And from there I laid my head into the basket of figs, and I slept. And when I awoke, it seemed to me that I had dozed off. And I opened this basket of figs, and I found them while dropping milk, as I took them. And behold, you say the people were carried captive into Babylon! And behold, see that have not dried up the figs!'
And he opened for him the basket of figs, and he showed him. And looked the old man that fresh it was the fig, and dropping its milk. And immediately was astonished that old man, and he said to Abimelech: 'Righteous are you, my son, for not wished God to show you

its corruption, the city. And brought God comfort upon you, and he preserved you. Behold, today is sixty and six years since were carried captive the people into Babylon!' 'And if you wish to know and to inquire, my son, look and see into the fields how has sprouted their grain. And for the figs, it is not their time.' And he knew that it was not its season for all this. Immediately Abimelech said with a great voice: 'I bless You, O Lord, my God! God of heaven and earth! The rest of the souls of the righteous in all places!' And he said to the old man: 'What is this month?' And he said: 'The tenth and seventh for the month of Nisan, which is April.' And after this, gave him Abimelech to this old man from upon this figs. And he said to him: 'God guide you above the city of Jerusalem.' And Abimelech rose and went out outside from the city. And he prayed to the Lord. And behold, came an angel, and he led him to

Baruch, and he found him in a tomb, while sitting.
And when reached the day in which will bring out them God the people from Babylon, and He said to him, the Lord to Jeremiah: 'Rise, you and your people, and come into the Jordan. And say to them, the people: "Wishes the Lord to remove the deeds of the people of Babylon; and for the men who married women from among you, and women also who married from among them, let us test them. And those who listened to you, I will bring them into Jerusalem. And those who did not listen to you, do not allow them to enter it.' And Jeremiah thus read to them all this, and he brought them into the Jordan that he might test them. And while he told them this word that said him the Lord, they refused those who married, and they did not wish that they might listen to Jeremiah. And there were those who said to him: 'We will not leave our

wives forever; we will take them with us into our city.' And they crossed from the Jordan, and they arrived into Jerusalem.
And stood Jeremiah and Baruch and Abimelech, while saying: 'Every man who married from Babylon shall not enter into our city.' And said those who married women for their companions: 'Rise, let us return into Babylon.' And they crossed and they returned.
And when saw them the people of Babylon, they came out that they might not receive them, and they did not allow them that they might enter into Babylon, while saying: 'You yourselves before us hated us, and in secret you went out from us. And because of this, you shall not enter into our city, for we have sworn by the name of our god that you and your daughters we will not receive, for in secret you passed from us.'

And when they heard thus, they returned into Jerusalem, and they built for themselves cities in its hills of Jerusalem, and they called that land Samaria. And he sent to them Jeremiah, while saying: 'Repent! And behold, will come an angel of righteousness, and he will bring you back into your former place.' And they remained while rejoicing and sacrificing seven days concerning the people. And on the tenth day from when was done this, offered Jeremiah a sacrifice by himself. And prayed Jeremiah, while saying: 'Holy, Holy, Holy are You, sweet fragrance for humanity, and light true that illuminates me until I reach before You. I implore You concerning Your people, and I ask You concerning the voice of the melodious Seraphim, and concerning the fragrance of the incense of the Cherubim. I ask You, yes, Michael the Chanter, angel of righteousness, he is who opens the gates of righteousness

until they enter them. I implore You, Lord of all, and Lord who holds all, and all created, who appears and who was not born, who completed all, and all creation hidden is with Him before they were made in secret.'
And this he prayed, and having finished his prayer, stood Jeremiah in the house of the sanctuary, and with him Baruch and Abimelech. And it was Jeremiah as one man whose soul had departed from him. And immediately fell Baruch and Abimelech, and they wailed with a great voice, and they said: 'Woe to us! Our father Jeremiah, priest of God, has departed from us!'
And when heard thus the people, they ran to him, and they found Jeremiah fallen and dead. And they wept, and they tore their clothes, and they put ashes upon their heads, and they wept a bitter weeping. And after they prepared by which they might bury him, came a voice that said: 'Do not bury him! Alive is

he, and his soul will return upon his body again.' And when they heard this voice, they did not bury him, but they remained while guarding him around three days until his soul returned into his body.

And there was a voice in the midst of all of them, and it said: 'Glorify Him with one voice! Glorify God! And all of you, glorify the Messiah, Son of God, who will awaken you and judge you, Jesus, Son of God, light for all the world, and lamp that will not be extinguished, and life of faith.'

'And it shall be after these days, three hundred and three weeks of days for His coming into the earth, the Tree of Life which is in Paradise, and was not planted. He will make all trees that bear fruit and are dry to come to Him, and He will make them that they may bear fruit and sprout, and their fruit will remain with the angels. And concerning the planting of trees, that they may flourish

and grow, we shall give morning dews to the Jordan, that may not dry up their roots, like a plant whose root has not taken hold of the ground. And the color red will become white like wool, and water that is sweet will become bitter, and bitter will become sweet, with great joy. And the joys of God for the islands, that they may bear fruit by the word of His mouth, His Son.'

'And He Himself will enter into the world, and He will choose for Himself apostles twelve, that may be seen by them what I have seen, the splendor that is sent from His Father, who comes into the world, and into the Mount of Olives He will walk, and He will satisfy a hungry soul.'

And thus spoke Jeremiah concerning the Son of God, that He will come into the world. And when heard this the people, they were angered concerning this, and they said: 'This is that word of Isaiah, the son of Amoz, who

says: "I saw God, the Son of God!" Now then, rise, let us do to him as we did to Isaiah!' And half of them said: 'No! Rather, with a stone let us stone him!'

And cried out to them Baruch and Abimelech, while saying: 'By this death do not kill him!'

And grieved Baruch and Abimelech concerning Jeremiah. And again they did not allow him to tell them the secrets that he had seen. And Jeremiah said to them: 'Be silent, do not weep, for they cannot kill me until I tell you all that I have seen. And now, bring me one stone.' And they brought to him one stone, and he set it up. And he said: 'Light eternal, make this stone to be as the appearance of a man!' And immediately became the stone in the appearance of Jeremiah, resembling him.

And they began to stone the stone, while it seemed to them Jeremiah. And Jeremiah told Baruch and Abimelech all that he had seen,

the secrets. And after having finished telling them, he went and stood in the midst of the people, wishing that he might complete his work. And immediately cried out to them that stone, and it said: 'O foolish children of Israel! For what reason do you stone me, while you think me Jeremiah? And Jeremiah, behold, in your midst he stands!'

And when they saw him, they ran with many stones, and they completed their transgression, and they buried him. And they took that stone, and they placed it upon his tomb, and they made it as a monument, and they wrote on it, while saying: 'Behold, this is the helper of Jeremiah.'